
Manager's Report

January 13, 2010



Dredging – Upper Newport Bay



- While “clearing and grubbing” Skimmer Island (near Jamboree Bridge), the amphibious excavator overturned when one of its tracks rolled over an unexpected “shelf” and was fully submerged at high tide.
- All agencies notified. 3 spill booms deployed.
- A second excavator deployed two days later (tide dependent) to lift the other out.
- This will add some delay to the project.
- Dredging equipment (dump scows and clam shell) are being mobilized and work will begin soon.

Dredging – Lower Newport Bay

- ❑ NewFields submitted their final draft sediment testing report to the Dredged Material Management Team (approving agencies) for review in December.
- ❑ Some concerns still exist about the Mercury levels even though the testing has proved that toxicity does not exist below a certain amount.
- ❑ The City is still reviewing these concerns, but we need to move on with the process.
 - We do not want to delay the EIR / MND process which is, in turn, dependent on the Port of Long Beach window for material acceptance.

Dredging – Lower Newport Bay Rhine Channel

- Working closely with Regional Board staff on Rhine Channel solutions.
 - Outlook is positive!
- Water Board grant (319-H) applied by the City and Anchor QEA on December 7th asking for \$1M with a 25% match from the City.
 - Total available funds for the grant is \$3.5 million

Newport Harbor Mooring Administration

- Harbor Patrol contract will be extended on a month to month basis until the formal RFP selection and contract process are completed within the next few months.
 - RFP: Narrowed down to 3 proposals and final decision will be made shortly
 - Staff is finalizing language for Contract Scope of Services

Other Issues

- Rhine Wharf Repairs and Public Dock – Associated Pacific Constructors, Inc.
 - Pre-construction meeting held on December 15, 2009
 - Wharf repairs anticipated start date is February 1, 2010
 - Public Dock construction anticipated early April 2010

- Public Dock Access Improvements (15th, 19th and Fernando)
 - Public Works is finalizing the lingering ADA issues with the Building Department.

- 2010 Balboa Island Sand Replenishment Project
 - Job walk complete and preliminary sites selected.
 - Next steps: eelgrass and Caulerpa surveys on March 1st, then submit application

Early Retirement Incentive Program

The City has offered early retirements to approximately 51 full time employees throughout all departments except Police and Fire. Harbor Resources will be losing 2 valuable employees:

Don Duffy – 18 years

- Don's duties will be absorbed by outside contractors (debris clean up etc...), or by existing City staff (Harbor Resources and Public Works)

Lorrie Arcese – 14 years

- Balboa Yacht Basin – Interim contract with Basin Marine to manage the marina while a formal RFP is generated later this year.
- Administrative Duties – Assigned and distributed to existing staff.

Impact: Response time increased for certain activities (investigations, complaints, pier transfers etc...)

Next Meeting

Wednesday
February 10, 2010
6pm

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